

WILLIAM DAVISON, of the Parish of Saint *Lawrence*, in the City of *London*, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, on the Seventeenth Day of *November*, Instant, being the Second Night of the *French* Strollers acting at the Theatre in the *Hay-Market*, was at the Sign of the *Globe*, a Publick House, opposite the *King's Arms* Tavern in *Pall-Mall*, about Nine of the Clock that Night, where this Deponent saw *John Haines*, one of the Waiters at the said Tavern, and several other Persons, to the Number of Sixteen, dressed like Chairmen, each of which had a great Bludgeon in his Hand, which he put under his Coat, in order to hide the same, but in such a Manner as this Deponent was capable of seeing the said Bludgeons; and this Deponent enquiring the Occasion thereof, was informed by several Persons of Credit, at the said House, that they, and others, to the Number of Thirty, were hired by Lord *Trentham* to protect the *French* Strollers from any Attempt that might be made to prevent their Acting: And that the said *Haines* paid them Five Shillings each for their Trouble, by the Directions of the said Lord *Trentham*, and others. And this Deponent further saith, that the said *John Haines*, and the said several other Persons, dress'd like Chairmen, as aforesaid, went into a Room together at the said House, and some Disputes arising between them and the said *Haines*, whether a List of their Names had been given to Lord *Trentham*, the said *Haines* declared, That he had wrote all their Names down, and given the same to Lord *Trentham*, who wou'd employ them again, and bid them go about their Business for that Time.

Sworn the 24th Day of *November*, 1749, at the Publick Office, in *Symond's Inn*, before me,

WILLIAM DAVISON.

JOHN WAPLE.